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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 23, 2001 in which provisionally elected Claims 1-7 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 102 and 103. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 8-17, 19 and 20 without prejudice as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Please cancel Claim 1-7 and 18 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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